

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
GILA NATIONAL FOREST  
GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICT**

**CATWALK EMERGENCY AREA CLOSURE ORDER**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, and 36 CFR § 261.53 (a) the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas and trails described in this Order, and depicted on the attached map incorporated into this order as Exhibit A, the "restricted area", all within the Glenwood Ranger District, Catron County, Gila National Forest, New Mexico

**PROHIBITION:**

1. Going into or being upon the restricted area in this order, 36 CFR 261.52(e)

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

The closed area includes the following described parts of the Catwalk National Recreation Trail (#207) Whitewater Picnic Area and Whitewater Canyon:

- All bridges and crossings.
- The accessible trail, picnic area and all the area located south of Whitewater Creek from NM 174 east to the junction with the old trail on the north side of Whitewater Creek (CCC Stairs area).
- The entire trail and all of the canyon from the junction of the accessible trail and the old trail (CCC stairs area) east to the junction with Gold Dust Trail (#41)
- The "overhang" area

The closure falls within the legal description area of: Township 11 South, Range 19 West, within Sections 5 and 6.

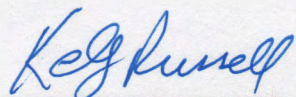
**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this order is for public safety 36 CFR 261.53 (e)

**IMPLEMENTATION**

This Forest Order 06-311 will go into effect at 6:00 am (MDT) October 6, 2012 and will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise rescinded or until 12:01 am December 31, 2012. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Silver City, New Mexico, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.



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Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.